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OFFICE OF THE CITY HEALTH OFFICER
City of Parañaque

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TO : ALL BARANGAYS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES

SUBJECT : Health Advisory No. 4 –Updates and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the COVID19

In light of the Department of Health's confirmation of local transmission in the country and raising its alert status to Red-Sub Level 1, the City Government of Parañaque would like to reassure the general public of its continued preparations and commitment to the COVID-19 Local Prevention and Containment Response. As of March 3, 2020, during the last COVID-19 Task Force Meeting, the City Health Office has raised the possibility of an imminent increase in the number of Persons-Under-Monitoring or Investigation (PUM/I) thereby prompting Mayor Edwin Olivarez's order to strengthen the implementation of planned response measures by the city.

However, the City Government would like reiterate and strongly advise the general public to:

1. Continue monitoring updates from credible news sources about any developments and avoid sharing unverified news from social media;
2. Continually practice good hand (and personal) hygiene as well as proper cough etiquette,
3. Practice social distancing measures (i.e. avoid shaking hands, staying clear from any individual with signs and symptoms of Acute Respiratory Infections); and
4. Cooperate with national and local government authorities on its infection prevention, surveillance and control measures;

In the event of escalation to sustained community transmission, the City Government, in cooperation with national government agencies will shift from intensive contact tracing to the implementation of community-level quarantine (or lockdown), mobilization of additional health staff and uniformed personnel and/or possible suspension of work or school.

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